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PROTECTION OF WILDLIFE SANCTUARIES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to raise a special ecological task force to protect wildlife sanctuaries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Ministry also proposes to fund some organisations to carry out awareness programmes and ecological projects for protection and conservation of forest wealth;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the criteria made to fund such organizations?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) No, Sir. There is no such proposal.

(b) Does not arise.

(c),(d)&(e) The Greening India Scheme implemented by this Ministry provides financial support to the State Forest Departments through Central Forest Development Agencies to raise awareness about quality planting material and tree planting. Similarly, financial assistance is also given to scientific institutions, non-governmental organizations and individuals who have adequate experience in the field of research for various research projects related to wildlife management and conservation including awareness programmes. Credibility of the organization, past experience, expertise confirming to the prescribed guidelines of the Ministry are some of the criteria adopted for selection.